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1. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ATTEND KHARTOUM OAU MEETINGS,
I USED MY FAREWELL CALL ON HIM JUNE 7 TO MAKE DEMARCHE REQUESTED
REFTEL. I BRIEFED HIM ON WHAT WE HAD DONE AND WERE DOING,
EMPHASIZING THAT THE ANGLO/US PROPOSALS APPEARED TO BE THE ONLY
WAY TO AVOID A WAR WHICH WOULD RESULT IN DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN
LIFE AND PROPERTY, CREATE DEEP ANTAGONISMS WITHIN RHODESIA,
AND PROVIDE "UNSCRUPULOUS" POWERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERFERE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AS THEY WERE ALREADY INTERFERING IN THE HORN AND
IN CENTRAL AFRICA. (THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD EARLIER CHAR-
ACTERIZED SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION AS
"UNSCRUPULOUS".) I SAID THAT WE HOPED THAT THE OAU AT THE KHARTOUM
MEETINGS WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE IN ORDER TO
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ACHIEVE A MAJORITY REGIME WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

2. IN REPLY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE CAE WANTED TO
SEE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. AT LIBRE-
VILLE, IT HAD SUPPORTED RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
BECAUSE IT HAD BELIEVED THAT TO THE BEST WAY TO FORCE THE
INTRANSIGENT SMITH REGIME TO COMPROMISE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER

SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE AN EVOLUTION IN THE OAU POSITION, IMPLICITLY INDICATING THAT THIS WOULD BE IN THE DIRECTION OF LESS SINGLE-MINDED SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA HAD CAUSED MANY PEOPLE TO REFLECT ON THE OAU POSITION DURING THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE THERE. HE INDICATED THAT THE ANGOLA "EXPERIENCE" WOULD INDUCE GREATER CAUTION AS FAR AS RHODESIA WAS CONCERNED.

3. COMMENT: THE CAE HAS BEEN AMONG THE MODERATES ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND HAS GENERALLY BEEN QUIETLY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITION. ITS BASIC ANTI-COMMUNISM HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY RECENT EVENTS IN ZAIRE, AND WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO TAKE A LOW KEY BUT HELPFUL POSITION AT KHARTOUM AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT FIND ITSELF ISOLATED FROM OTHER LIKE-MINDED AFRICAN MODERATES. QUAINTON

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